Alberta Population Report

December 21, 2006 — Third Quarter, 2006

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between October 1 of 2005 and 2006 remains the strongest among the provinces. As of October 1, 2006, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,413,464. This represents a yearly increase of about 111,500 persons (or 3.38% growth) since October 1, 2005. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.23% and 0.92% respectively.

The following table provides the October 1 population estimates and growth rates for Canada and Alberta since 2002.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, OCTOBER 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
October 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
2002	31,471,094		3,129,563	
2003	31,773,080	0.96%	3,173,723	1.41%
2004	32,089,225	1.00%	3,223,393	1.57%
2005	32,406,497	0.99%	3,301,987	2.44%
2006	32,730,213	1.00%	3,413,464	3.38%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2006 for all provinces and territories are presented in Table 2 below. Also shown is the growth rates of population between October 1, 2005 and 2006.

Migration

During the third quarter of 2006 (July 1 to September 30), Alberta continued to have the highest interprovincial migration gain in the country. According to Statistics Canada, Alberta had a net of 24,500 interprovincial migrants this quarter, more than doubled the estimates in the second quarter. The substantial increase in the number of in-migrants from other provinces, especially Ontario was the main reason that Alberta had a huge interprovincial migration gain in the third quarter (Please see note at the end of Table 3 on the next page.)

As shown in Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the third quarter was Ontario, followed by British Columbia and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 6,400 people in the third quarter. The province had 11,500 births versus 5,100 deaths between July 1 and September 30, 2006.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCT 1, 2006 & YEARLY GROWTH RATES SINCE OCT 1, 2005**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,955	138,596	934,172	748,439	7,669,100	12,721,776	1,178,491	985,859	3,413,464	4,327,431	31,151	41,929	30,850
Growth Rate	-0.89%	0.23%	-0.23%	0.37%	0.69%	0.92%	0.33%	-0.30%	3.38%	1.23%	-0.66%	1.60%	2.20%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	64	468	313	139	925	67	100	2,368	323	0	38	44
Prince Edward I.	120	0	400	97	62	255	0	8	282	107	0	0	8
Nova Scotia	558	226	0	928	425	2,382	106	82	2,688	603	13	45	6
New Brunswick	282	166	986	0	861	1,518	37	38	1,839	333	15	5	0
Quebec	40	127	357	766	0	6,831	111	98	3,778	1,484	16	42	0
Ontario	1,573	261	2,720	1,306	6,052	0	1,681	964	16,801	6,343	63	118	62
Manitoba	110	4	236	100	195	1,746	0	993	3,626	1,662	5	50	28
Saskatchewan	41	8	136	42	101	692	931	0	4,673	1,154	8	23	22
Alberta	856	173	1,089	586	847	4,045	1,596	3,679	0	9,382	215	301	47
British Columbia	280	58	615	304	963	4,595	891	977	10,700	0	171	188	0
Yukon Territory	34	0	0	0	45	64	0	39	160	298	0	31	0
Northwest Terr.	55	0	8	33	23	117	80	54	356	150	50	0	51
Nunavut Terr.	13	0	11	0	15	54	75	17	80	28	0	71	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,962	1,087	7,026	4,475	9,728	23,224	5,575	7,049	47,351	21,867	556	912	268
Out Migration	4,849	1,339	8,062	6,080	13,650	37,944	8,755	7,831	22,816	19,742	671	977	364
Net Migration	-887	-252	-1,036	-1,605	-3,922	-14,720	-3,180	-782	24,535	2,125	-115	-65	-96

Source: Statistics Canada

Note to Users:

The third quarter of 2006 interprovincial migration estimates for Alberta are seen to be on the high side. Users are cautioned that the third quarter migration figures may be adjusted by Statistics Canada in future releases.

Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration
2001									
Jan-Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	601	405	**2,604**	**7,097**
Apr-Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	665	782	**3,242**	**8,672**
Jul-Sep	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,030	1,038	**2,475**	**11,407**
Oct-Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	650	503	**2,497**	**8,256**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,357*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***10,818***	***35,432***
2002									
Jan-Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	592	403	**3,027**	**8,819**
Apr-Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	663	824	**3,819**	**9,571**
Jul-Sep	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	1,741	976	1,143	**1,516**	**5,621**
Oct-Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	907	684	472	**2,011**	**4,245**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,306*	*2,915*	*2,842*	***10,373***	***28,256***
2003									
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,105	695	610	610	**2,410**	**4,993**
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,296	848	663	880	**3,665**	**6,646**
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	**3,005**	4,573	2,029	937	1,213	**2,820**	**5,825**
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	**1,685**	3,861	1,060	665	513	**2,649**	**4,334**
Total	*59,485*	*49,231*	***10,254***	*15,835*	*4,632*	*2,875*	*3,216*	***11,544***	***21,798***
2004									
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,072	945	632	477	**2,972**	**6,170**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,605	1,182	698	824	**3,549**	**6,267**
Jul-Sep	21,696	14,993	**6,703**	4,521	2,054	939	1,212	**2,740**	**9,443**
Oct-Dec	15,371	8,642	**6,729**	3,274	1,070	665	513	**2,052**	**8,781**
Total	*68,620*	*49,272*	***19,348***	*16,472*	*5,251*	*2,934*	*3,026*	***11,313***	***30,661***
2005									
Jan-Mar	19,030	10,095	**8,935**	4,356	951	632	477	**3,250**	**12,185**
Apr-Jun	26,321	14,265	**12,056**	5,291	1,190	698	824	**4,227**	**16,283**
Jul-Sep	29,882	16,772	**13,110**	5,590	2,077	940	1,212	**3,785**	**16,895**
Oct-Dec	24,997	7,938	**17,059**	4,167	1,078	664	513	**2,938**	**19,997**
Total	*100,230*	*49,070*	***51,160***	*19,404*	*5,296*	*2,934*	*3,026*	***14,200***	***65,360***
2006									
Jan-Mar	27,963	12,390	**15,573**	4,727	958	631	477	**3,615**	**19,188**
Apr-Jun	26,844	15,481	**11,363**	5,385	1,198	697	824	**4,314**	**15,677**
Jul-Sep	47,351	22,816	**24,535**	5,714	2,095	940	**1,212**	**3,891**	**28,426**
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	**n/a**
Total	*102,158*	*50,687*	***51,471***	*15,826*	*4,251*	*2,268*	*2,513*	***11,820***	***63,291***

Source: Statistics Canada

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